

Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Chairs Paulson and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Bill Zaborowski, Janel Brandtjen, Jim Jeskewitz, and Pauline Jaske. Kathleen Cummings arrived at 1:32 p.m. and left at 2:35 p.m. **Absent:** Gilbert Yerke.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), JoAnn Weidmann, Joe Vitale, Michael O'Brien, Flor Gonzalez, and Dr. Peter Geiss; and Supervisors Jim Jeskewitz, Janel Brandtjen, and Duane Paulson. **Absent:** Supervisor Paul Decker.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy Haney, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Principal Systems Analyst Ann Christman, Business Services Administrator Donn Hoffmann, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Information Systems Manager Mike Biagioli, and Residential Operations Director Ted Behncke of St. Coletta of Wisconsin. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 11-12-09

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Brandtjen to approve the minutes of November 12. Motion carried 5-0.

Cummings arrived at 1:32 p.m.

Announcements

Paulson said the Willow Park and Corrina Boulevard congregate meal sites in the City of Waukesha will be closed and a new site will open at La Casa Village.

Maurer announced that today's H1N1 Clinic was canceled due to weather conditions and has been rescheduled for next Thursday in the Forum Building at the Expo Center. Cummings complimented the Public Health staff who provided her with information on how to treat her college-age son who recently contracted the H1N1 virus.

State Legislative Update

Krahn said the Legislature may consider tougher DUI laws in the coming week. A big concern for taxpayers is how the new measures will be paid for. Current proposals for revenues are not realistic and therefore, this could be costly for county property taxpayers.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 11-12-09

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Weidmann to approve the minutes of November 12. Motion carried 9-0.

Advisory Committee Reports

Farrell said the advisory committees he is involved with are busy preparing their needs lists. He referred to the draft meeting schedule which lists when the advisory committees are scheduled to present their lists to the board and committee.

Future Agenda Items

- Tour Parents Place (Vitale)
- Tour the New Dental Clinic (Brandtjen)

Announcements

Farrell announced that Jeskewitz was the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award/Menomonee Falls.

Combined Agenda Items

H1N1 Update

Haney said there have been 1,086 confirmed cases in the county but a more realistic figure is around 5,000. She passed around pictures of the clinic showing how it was set up to serve the public. The confirmed cases include ten pregnant women, 70 persons hospitalized, and one death. Most of the confirmed cases have been individuals 5 to 14 years of age but as old as 85. So far they have inoculated 12,010 individuals for the H1N1 virus. Haney said one person has reported what they believe was a legitimate vaccine adverse reaction and five people have reported minor reactions.

Clearview Multi-County Consortium Update

Maurer said the Attorney General and our Corporation Counsel have opined that we can go ahead with the multi-county consortium proposal with Clearview. However, there will be changes with the Medicaid rate for clients which Maurer explained in detail. Once they receive revised paperwork pertaining to these changes, an ordinance will come forward.

Review 2010 Meeting Dates

Paulson referred to the draft meeting schedule for the board and committee through March, 2010. No concerns were voiced.

HHS IT Projects

Hoffmann and Christman were present to give an update on Health & Human Services information technology projects. Christman noted that People Link is their case tracking and accounts payable system and Avatar PM is their scheduling and accounts receivable system. Since they did not implement Avatar CWS, a case management system, and since People Link is ten years old and is outdated technology, they have decided to do both systems at the same time. After site visits, demos, and a new quote from the company for both CWS and MSO (the People Link replacement), staff have decided to go through another RFP process to see what is out there and at what cost.

Currently they are working on an interface to streamline the accounts receivable system and the collections area which will save a lot of staff time. They are hoping this will be done by the end of the first quarter of 2010. They are also working with the geographical information system to identify where foster parents/foster children are located, etc. in case of emergencies.

Cummings left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

St. Coletta of Wisconsin Transportation Program (Jefferson County)

Behncke distributed brochures on St. Coletta's transportation system and information on fleet size, destinations, rates, hours, etc. Farrell said the issue of transportation is almost always on the unmet needs lists by the various groups. St. Coletta's has been a Waukesha County provider for at least a decade for community based residential facilities.

Behncke advised their transportation system has evolved and they are now the largest transportation provider in Jefferson County. In an average month, they transport about 7,000 individuals in areas such as Madison, Jefferson, and Waukesha. They have a total fleet of 65, including buses, vans with lifts, trucks, sedans, etc. Rates vary for private patrons (those who do not reside at St. Coletta's) and depend on distance, round trip, or one way trip. Common destinations include medical appointments, places of employment, the St. Coletta Campus, shopping, church services in Jefferson County, recreational activities, etc.

WCHSA Fall Conference Update

Maurer and Schuler highlighted the recent Wisconsin County Human Services Association Fall Conference. The general theme they continue to hear is collaboration to control costs, which is what we are doing. Secretary Timberlake gave an update on Food Share back up and Badger Care core back up and that there were as many as 40,000 on the wait list. She had indicated that by the end of December, they will be caught up. Ron Hunt spoke about daycare centers that have been shut down and efforts to retrieve fraudulent payments. Regarding frozen and decreased community aids, Hunt said he was questioning the future of community aids and whether it should be once again tied to programs. It is difficult to link outcomes to specific dollars when those dollars are allocated in the form of a block grant. Maurer expects more discussion on this issue in the future. There was nothing really new in the area of long term care. Stimulus dollars were provided for the Birth to Three Program although those were offset by other funding cuts. Maurer indicated they also heard about how other states are funding mental health services. In Wisconsin, much of these costs are paid for with county funds or other third party funds.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Jeskewitz to adjourn the committee at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Geiss to adjourn the board at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary